

MINUTES

**Historic Preservation Commission
First Floor Community Development Conference Room
7447 E. Indian School Road
November 11, 2004
5:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Ed Wimmer, Chair
B.J. Gonzales, Vice Chair
George Hartz, Commissioner
Cathy Johnson, Commissioner
Kathy Howard, Commissioner

Absent: Nancy Dallett, Commissioner
Paul Winslow, Commissioner

Staff: Debbie Abele, HPO
Don Meserve

ROLL CALL

A formal roll call confirmed members present as stated above.

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Commissioner Johnson requested a correction to the October 28, 2004, meeting minutes, on Page 2, last paragraph, second sentence change was to were.

Commissioner Howard made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2004 meeting as amended. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hartz and passed unanimously 4-0.

MEETINGS WITH 1950s NEIGHBORHOOD ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION FOR HISTORIC DISTRICT DESIGNATION AND NEXT STEPS

Ms. Abele reported that Commissioner Dallett attended the Scottsdale Estates 4 meeting on November 9th. She was asked by Commissioner Dallett to make a report in her absence. Ms. Abele reported that Commissioner Dallett's impression of the meeting for the most part was positive. Some residents were unhappy there were not more people attending the meeting, noting

there is a tenant population and that this could be construed as lack of interest. Participants raised questions and the answers seemed to be satisfactory.

Commissioner Howard stated that she noticed there were two demographics for residents at meetings; the younger people in their 20s and 30s who wanted to be involved and the older residents who seemed to have concerns. She further stated in Sherwood Heights there are many articulate, intelligent people who had lots of questions.

Commissioner Gonzales stated that he felt the turnout at the meetings has been typical.

Commissioner Hartz reported that the first meeting was sparsely attended. There were questions regarding whether the HP overlay would put restrictions on rental properties.

Commissioner Johnson commented that she felt the turnouts were good. She further commented that staff did an amazing job pulling the meetings together.

Mr. Meserve passed out a copy of the list of questions and comments from the first four neighborhood meetings noting that there were common questions asked at each of the meetings. He provided a brief overview of the comments. He reported that he received two negative calls that related to Sherwood Heights from residents who did not agree with historic recognition or that recommended delaying consideration because of the pending lawsuit regarding the height overlay.

Ms Abele reported the attendance at the meetings was good for this stage of the process. She further reported that for the most part the comments were positive. She noted that Village Grove is the most supportive. She further noted that Sherwood Heights appears to be the most divisive. She further noted that Sherwood Heights has restrictive CC&Rs and they are used to fighting each other. She reported that staff needs to find out when those CC&Rs expire because if they will expire soon, that would be a reason to put other restrictions in place.

Commissioner Howard stated her observation is that, because Sherwood Heights typically has bigger upscale housing, they tend to have more options regarding what they can do with their lots and may have more discretionary income.

Ms. Abele stated at the next meeting we need to start thinking about which neighborhoods to move forward with. The last neighborhood meeting is with Town and Country Scottsdale and it is scheduled for Saturday, November 13th.

Chair Wimmer inquired if staff needed any direction or input regarding the Mayor's breakfast on November 18th. Ms. Abele replied staff has put together a script. She inquired if, at the end of the powerpoint presentation, if the images of the neighborhoods eligible for consideration as Historic Districts should be named or just represented as part of the larger community. The consensus of the Commission was to endorse showing the five neighborhoods and naming them because the Commission is holding public meetings with the neighborhoods.

Commissioner Gonzales requested staff provide clarification regarding the litigation involving Sherwood Heights. Ms. Abele explained that staff did ask legal counsel and at this point, the city feels it could be thrown out. She stated we can wait until this lawsuit issue is resolved.

CHARACTER DEFINING FEATURES OF AND DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR SUGAR BOWL AND PINK PONY HP PLAN

Ms. Abele handed out copies of the draft Design Guidelines for the Sugar Bowl and Pink Pony HP Plan. The Commission members' discussed and revised the documents. (See attached for revisions.)

(Commissioner Johnson left at 6:00 p.m.)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Historic Register

Commissioner Howard reported the Historic Register Committee has scheduled a walking tour of the multi-family housing complexes in the potential Valley Ho Multi-Family district on Saturday, November 13th, after the Town and Country Scottsdale neighborhood meeting.

Education Outreach

Commissioner Hartz reported the Education Outreach Committee has been attempting to meet but the members have very challenging schedules. He further reported the goal is for the committee to meet before the December 9th Commission meeting.

HPO/STAFF REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Meserve reported that a couple of people who attended the open houses requested that information on the neighborhoods such as reports and maps be placed on the Internet. Neighborhood information is being placed on the City's internet pages under the Historic Preservation program. He further reported that the City of Phoenix has completed the Historic Context Report on African Americans and that the report is available on the internet.

Mr. Meserve announced that Pat Boomsma, the assistant city attorney assigned to work with the Commission, is leaving the City to take a job as City Attorney in Flagstaff.

COMMISSION COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Wimmer shared with the Commission the letter of commendation that will be presented to Liz Wilson on behalf of the Commission and city staff thanking her for her work on post-World War II neighborhoods. Ms. Wilson has accepted a job with the Phoenix Historic Preservation Office starting in November.

Ms. Abele reported that she met with some local Realtors and provided information on the HP process and updated them on what is happening with neighborhoods.

FUTURE MEETINGS AND AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Abele stated the next regular meeting will be held on December 9 2004.

Ms. Abele reported there might be another case to review for the Hotel Valley Ho project at the December 9th meeting.

Chair Wimmer requested that Commissioners' keep the last Saturday in January, January 29th clear for their annual retreat to discuss the 2005 Work Program. The Parada del Sol is scheduled for February 5th.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

For the Record Court Reporters